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Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001 in the above-noted patent application. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the deadline for response **two months, from March 3, 2002, up to and including May 3, 2002**. Please charge any additionally necessary fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 9409/2122.

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AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please **cancel** claim 39.

Please **amend** claims 51 and 52 as follows.

71 51. (Twice Amended) A method for recovering an antagonist or an agonist of an isolated